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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 21,
1975:

A. TO FOLLOW UP ON EARLIER QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD ACTUALLY RECOGNIZED THE NEW
GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH, LET ME SAY THAT THE CONTINUING
CONTACTS WE HAVE HAD WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT THERE
CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION OF THAT GOVERNMENT, WITHOUT
NECESSITY FOR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC ACT OF RECOGNITION ON OUR
PART.

Q. THERE IS A REPORT FROM BEIRUT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE
PRESIDENT SENT A LETTER TO MR. SADAT PROMISING THAT THE
UNITED STATES WILL TRY TO GET ISRAEL TO MAKE A SECOND
WITHDRAWAL ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING ON
THAT?

A. I DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
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Q. IN THIS TRANSCRIPT OF THE REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY
LAST NIGHT AT ANDREWS, WOULD YOU READ HIS LAST RESPONSE
DEALING WITH F 15S AND LANCERS? IS THAT AN ACCURATE
RESPONSE OR REPORT OF THE RESPONSE?

A. I THINK THAT IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT I RECALL HIS SAYING
LAST NIGHT WHEN HE ANSWERED THAT QUESTION. WE HAVE
ALWAYS SAID THAT THE PIPELINE WAS, IN GENERAL, OPEN BUT
THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN SOPHISTICATED ITEMS ON WHICH
ACTION ON THAT WAS BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE. I THINK THAT
IS WHAT HE IS SAYING.

Q. WELL THEN WE CANNOT DRAW FROM THIS SENTENCE, OR FROM THIS PARAGRAPH, THAT ISRAEL HAS BEEN PROMISED F 15S AND LANCERS?

A. YOU KNOW THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR VARIOUS ITEMS OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT, AND WE HAVE SAID MANY, MANY TIMES THAT THOSE PARTICULAR REQUESTS WERE BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE REASSESSMENT. AND THAT, I THINK, IS WHAT THE SECRETARY IS SAYING.

Q. WHY I AM QUESTIONING SO CLOSELY IS THAT THERE WAS A REPORT THAT THE SECRETARY SAID, YES, ISRAEL WILL GET THESE.

AND, COMING ON THE EVE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WOULD BE QUITE IMPORTANT.

BUT HERE, IT LOOKS THE PROMISE HAS NOT BEEN MADE, SPECIFICALLY AT LEAST.

A. MY OWN READING IS, WHAT HE IS SAYING HERE IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SAYING SINCE MARCH ON THIS ISSUE.

Q. GOING BACK TO BANGLADESH FOR A SECOND.

A. YES.

Q. IS IT LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT THE U.S. AID, PARTICULAR-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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LY PL 480, WILL CONTINUE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT?
YES, I CONFIRMED EARLIER THAT OUR AID WAS CONTINUING.
IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR THAT WAS ABOUT DOLS 309 MILLION.

Q. I DON'T KNOW THAT I ASKED THE SECRETARY WHAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE BANGLADESH QUESTION WAS, WHEN THEY

WANTED TO SELL HEMP TO CASTRO -- AND I THINK WE SAID, "DON'T DO IT, OR ELSE."

AND WE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER WE CARRIED OUT THE "OR ELSE" PART OF IT, WHERE WE WON'T SEND FOOD, OR WHATEVER THE QUESTION WAS. DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW?

A. ON BACKGROUND I THINK HIS REPLY WAS THAT THERE WAS A WAIVER GRANTED. I WILL HAVE TO CHECK THAT. END BACKGROUND. MAW

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